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The Honorable Duncan Hunter Chairman Committee on Armed Services United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This notification is made pursuant to the report language that accompanied Section 2821 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65). I am pleased to announce the approval of a No-Cost Economic Development Conveyance (EDC) at the Sierra Army Depot, a BRAC 95 realignment, to the Lassen County Local Reuse Authority (LCLRA), Susanville, California.

The Army approved the EDC on September 10, 2003. The terms and conditions of the conveyance comply with the requirements of Public Law 106-65. Other Federal property disposal authorities for the intended land use could not have been utilized to accomplish the necessary economic redevelopment.

The LCLRA's No-Cost EDC modification application successfully withstood extensive review and analysis. The No-Cost EDC modification will allow the LCLRA to redevelop the installation and potentially generate 567 jobs over a fifteen-year period to replace those lost due to the realignment. The Army will realize savings of approximately \$8.5 million based on reduced base operations costs during Fiscal Years 1996-2003. The LCLRA plans to use the 4,788 acres for a mixed-use redevelopment consisting of commercial, residential, industrial and open space.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Ike Skelton Ranking Member

